

Art Unit: 1794

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Penny Slicer on 12/15/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Withdrawn claims 1-44 and 54-62 are cancelled.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art reference Kaye teaches that the sheets of stack are not separated apart, and teaches away from the use steps of amended independent claim 45. No other prior art search of record shows that the amended claimed use steps in claim 45 are obvious and having a reasonable expectation to be successful at the time the invention was made.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."